

## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW ?

Are the ladies in the Stenographers' Pool jealous of the "crèche" in R.I.B. in so far as their looks are concerned?

(Now we're asking for trouble!—Ed.)

Who was the lady from this Office who sat in the Theatre recently with an "Engaged" label stuck on her back?

And is this the *third* time to our knowledge that this lady has been engaged?

And, furthermore, *has it got anything to do with us?*

When is R.I.B. going to start morning prayers for the benefit of their latest increase in strength?

And would it not be a good idea to have a revolving mirror in centre of "the babes' table"?

If Captain Stewart heard the little boy the other day, who, passing him in the street, said: "I've seen him on the pictures"?

If the Paymaster really enjoys the "Civilian Pay Parade," and would it not be a good idea for the ladies to form a "jazz band" to amuse him until the parade is over? It would make his cold job much warmer.

What Lieut. Candy's costume is to be at the Fancy Dress Dance?

And did he think of going as a "Will o' the Wisp"?

Is the "Canadian Daily Record" published for "all ranks"?

And does this query also apply to the "Beaver"?

May the female staff smoke at smoking time?

And if so, will it be a case of "smoke and powder"?

What is the price of admission to "Bender's Babies" at the "R.I.B."?

Are posts in "W.S.M." Branch hereditary?

If the "Section Dinner" idea has not caught on?

What the casualty—"Broken Glasses," appearing on a casualty card, meant? Eye—or whiskey?

If the "Lady in Green" (late "Lady in Blue") likes being "shushed"?

Have all the married men told their wives about the increased subsistence allowance?

What Sgt. Cutler called the person who propped the door open with the fire bucket, and did he really enjoy forming one of the "mopping up party"?

If it is true that the B.C. boys have made up their minds to prohibit prohibition on their return to that province?

If there is any truth in the rumour to the effect that Pte. C. W. Beach (Pt. 2.0 Depot) is contemplating matrimony?

And is the widow sufficiently interested?

If a certain popular Scots S.Q.M.S. has lately been heard to remark: "Oh, we will have a night to-night, to-night"?

Finally: WHO DOES THE BASSINETTEE IN THE BASEMENT BELONG TO?

## MEN OF THE EMPIRE L.O.L. 880 (CANADIAN).

The above Lodge held a banquet on Saturday, the 18th January, at the Trocadero Restaurant, 60 of the brethren being present. The guests of the evening were Rgt. Wor. Bro. Louis A. Ewart, Grand Secretary England, Rgt. Wor. Bro. Robson, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Black Chapter, Queensland, Australia, Rgt. Wor. Bro. David Catt, D.G.M., and Prov. G.M. Metropolitan Province, London.

Letters of apology for being unable to be present were read from the Most Wor. Grand Master, England, Col. Sir James Craig, Bart., M.P., and Bro. Sir Edward A. Kemp.

The Grand Master had accepted our invitation to be present, but owing to his having been given a seat in the new Ministry had to proceed to Ulster, he having to seek re-election upon his accepting same.

Very commendable speeches were given by the Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. Ewart, Wor. Bro. Robson, G.B.C., Wor. Bro. David Catt, and the Wor. Master and his officers.

G.S., in his address, spoke of the splendid achievements of 880, since opening, and said the Lodge would always have an honoured memory in England, especially by them who had been with us at some of our meetings, and this evening would never be forgotten by any who had had the privilege to be present.

In his concluding remarks, he thanked the Master and officers for all they had done, and wished them God's speed, and they would soon be back with their loved ones in Canada.

Rgt. Wor. Bro. Robson was listened to with great attention. He congratulated the Lodge and spoke of the working of the Order in Australia.

The Pro. G.M. Wor. Bro. Catt said as he had been with us at most of our meetings and we all knew him well, he would not take up any more time, but would sit down so as the other speakers would get a chance.

The Wor. Master, Bro. Bettens, in a very racy speech, gave an account of the Lodge from the formation in December, 1916, to the present day, and mentioned the fact that we have now 139 members.

He thanked the Officers for the cordial support they had given him in the past, and hoped they would continue to do so in the future.

Bro. Bender, D.M., Bro. Phillips, Chaplain, Bro. Inglis, Treas., Bro. Correll, Secretary, Bro. Foster, Asst. Sec., responded to the toast of the Officers; and Bros. Scott, Hough, and Brownlee for the committee.

Music was rendered during the evening by Bros. Parker and Hunt and Cpl. Cranston, and Sgt. Roberts, of the Canadian Military Choir.

At 10.55, owing to the lighting restrictions, a very enjoyable evening had to be brought to a close.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

## DANCE NOTES.

Expenses on last Dance were £23 1s. Cash in hand, £12.

All receipts can be seen by applying to Sgt. Jackson, R.2.B.5., who will be pleased to give any information concerning all dances.

Order your tickets early for the forthcoming dance.

If there is anyone in the Office who wishes to donate a special prize, it will be most welcome.

Subscriptions towards prizes will also be welcomed by the Committee.

## PRIZES.

(1). 4 Prizes. Best Ladies' Original. Best Gents' Original.

(2). 3 Prizes. Comic Ladies' and Gents'.

(3). 2 Prizes. Best Pair, Ladies or Gents.

(4). Section Prize. Best four men from any Section. (Entries in this Section are not eligible for No. 1.)

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(To the Editor.)

So many have asked me if they can bring their wives and friends to our dances without fear of seeing any unruly conduct that I would like to let them know through your columns that the Committee have given me full power to order any person to leave who is inclined to behave in any way objectionable to the rest of the company.

We have always endeavoured to run these dances on as select lines as possible, and it is our firm intention to continue to do so. The receipts shown are ample proof of the popularity of these dances.

I trust that these few lines will cast away any doubt that might exist on the question of intending dancers bringing their friends.

Thanking you, etc,

SGT. G. JACKSON.

## THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET. Masonic Brethren C.R.O.

The 3rd Annual Banquet of the Masonic Brethren, C.R.O., was held on Monday, 27th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

The company numbered 74, including 8 guests from the Polytechnic Lodge. Bro. White (our M.O.) was in the chair, and letters were received from Bros. Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard E. W. Turner, V.C., and Maj.-Gen. Griesbach, expressing regret that they were unable to be present.

Among those who contributed to an excellent programme of entertainment were Bros. Nicholls, Gardiner, Henderso Bond and Cronin (of the Polytechnic Lodge), who rendered an admirable ture on the fourth degree.

W. Bro. Burgess responded to the toast, "The Polytechnic Lodge," in a very able manner. Various other speeches were made, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem terminated a most enjoyable evening.